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PHILMONT CLUB NETS  
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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday    10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;  
                          80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;  
                          2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

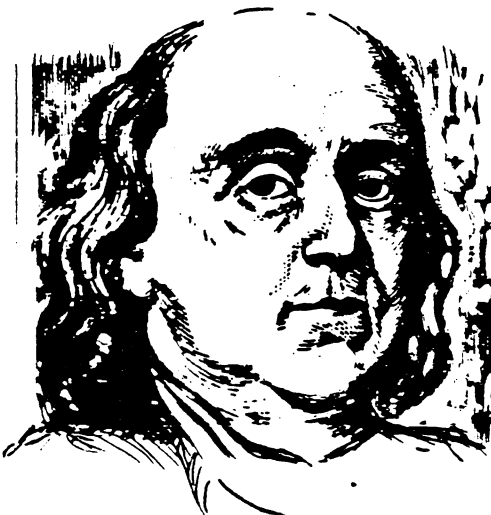
This month Our Intrepid Artist has produced a salute to Ben Franklin, which seems very fitting since we are inviting our friends and family to join us at the science museum which memorializes him. At the September meeting, as you sit in the Lecture Hall, pay particular attention to the two murals at the front of the hall.

At the risk of being repetitious we must again thank Sam Kuncovich for his work. In December of each year Ye Olde Ed sends Sam a list of events, or suggestions, which might provide good cover subjects for the coming year. Sam does the rest, occasionally surprising me with the cover, but never letting me or Philmont down. I don't recall ever asking Sam if he has had enough, or if he would like to be replaced, and he has never indicated that such was the case. Several years ago when Sam was very much involved in CB and we in Philmont were very much involved in taking potshots at CB'ers, Sam took the lead in the kidding with his cartoons for the BLURB, presenting CB as the butt of his humor. I'm sure that the situation was not always that funny for him, but he hung in despite any personal feelings, which incidentally he never expressed to any of us.

Sam and a few others who do the bulk of the work in putting the BLURB together do much to make my job easier and I appreciate it.

de K3KUD

## Sam's CORNER



*Ben Franklin*

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, ELECTRICIAN, DISCOVERED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LIGHTNING AND ELECTRICITY. (IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE DAY HIS WIFE TOLD HIM TO GO FLY A KITE. HE DID. IN SO DOING HE BECAME THE FIRST PERSON TO USE A KEY FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN OPENING DOORS, AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH HE HAD A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERIENCE.)

PREZ SEZ

Today I had the opportunity to work Walt Koch, W4NUI, and the "gang" i.e. W3ADV, W3UQ, W3YHV, and some other stations while I was mobilizing from work.

These fellows have a daily schedule on 20-meters at Noon and this is a part of amateur radio that I look forward to.

I hope that before the year is over we will have set up frequencies and times which will enable Philmonters to make contact with other Philmonters who are traveling, or who have moved to other areas.

W3AA and I have discussed the subject several times, but it is difficult to set up schedules which are compatible with our many classes of operation. If anyone has any ideas on frequencies or times please get in touch with W3AA or me as soon as possible. It would be nice to be able to work some of you when I'm on the road too. (QSL 100% !)

Congratulations to Eric Clegg, KA3EEL on his Technician's license; I hope that Gail will move to Interim PA soon.

73  
de WB3CMM

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FAMILY NIGHT AT PHILMONT

The September General Meeting has been designated Family Night. We invite members and visitors to bring their families and friends, hams or not, to meet us and enjoy our program. The special program will be a Planetarium show which is always interesting and always new.

The date is September 9 and the time 8:00 PM. Why not plan to join us?

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The Pack-Rats Hamarama '90 will be held on October 4 and 5. Saturday, October 4 will be devoted to the VHF Conference and Sunday, October 5, will feature the usual fine Flea Market at the Bucks County Drive-In, Warrington, PA. Additional information is available from Ron Whitsel, WA3AXV, phone (215) 355-5730.

This operation deserves our full support, not only because you will enjoy yourself, but also because the Pack-Rats and Philmont have long been cooperating friends and together represent 55 years of high quality radio club operation in this area.

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To those of you with a literary bent (you know who you are, and you know that we know who you are !) why not put an article together for the BLURB. Don't worry about the final form, we will edit and correct as necessary. Just write it up and send it to Ye Olde Ed.

## PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept 1 Labor Day (already?)  
Sept.2 BLURB folding at W3BBB, 7:15 PM  
Sept 6 Clambake at Shearer's Farm  
Sept 8 General Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM  
Sept 11 Jewish New Year  
Sept 17 Director's Meeting at W3GIF, 8:00 PM  
Sept 20 Yom Kippur  
Sept 21 Philadelphia Distance Run  
Sept 29 BLURB folding at W3BBB, 7:15 PM

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## MEETING REPORTS

July Director's Meeting: Proving what our detractors have often inferred, the Directors met in almost total darkness at the home of WB2LGY. Despite a vicious thunderstorm, 13 hardy souls were in attendance.

Items of business discussed included: Payment of bonds; the Clambake; the upcoming Phila. Distance Run and Philmont's part in handling communications for the event; future plans for meeting programs; and the appearance of MOCOM V at several upcoming events. In addition, W3HSF was elected to membership in the club by unanimous vote.

Our thanks to Sue and Arnie for a pleasant evening under trying conditions.

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August General Meeting: Held on August 4 with 40 members and 4 visitors in attendance. The Minutes were read by W3AWG in the absence of the Secretary. WB3CMM read a list of items for sale by both the club and W3KN. Jim Spencer is custodian for all items and should be contacted by interested parties. Included in the list were (2) beams, (2) rotators, and a tilt-over tower.

It was announced that Larry, W3UY, is looking for help for the Philadelphia Distance Run on Sept. 21. Discussion by those present and a show of hands indicated that the membership supports the renewal of our call, W3RQZ.

The program for the evening was Show and Tell. Some very nice equipment was presented by AK2I (TR-9000); WB3CMM (FT-707); KB3IV (H/T); N3ADI (2-meter transceiver); and W3AYJ (homebrew ps/charger).

At the conclusion of the meeting W3PWG, K3RTR, and K3TEF once again provided sustenance for the inner man (person).

## SILENT KEYS

We have learned that Martin Mack, K3SWD, passed away in May. Martin was a Philmont member and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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We were also saddened to hear of the death of Howard Buerger, W3BAH, in an auto accident on July 21. Better known as "Ham" Buerger, W3BAH was a member of the Pack Rats and founder of the electronics supply store which still carries his name; it is now located in Willow Grove, PA.

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Please note the following Directory change:

Ned Schlicting, KA3CKW  
34 Joan Drive  
Manahawkin, N.J. 08050  
Phone: (609) 597-2548

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A recent article in the Philadelphia Inquirer told of the arrest of a CB operator who was running 1200 (!) times the allowable power. The gentleman will be prosecuted, according to authorities.

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## FOR SALE

Atlas 350 XL, VFO, P/S, Speaker, (1) CW and (2) SSB Filters, Mobile bracket, MT-3 Antenna matching network	\$1425.00
KLM 2700B all mode 2-meter transceiver	\$ 325.00

Contact Bill Tegtmaier, WB3ALG  
(215) 675-8115

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Murray Bevitz, K3SPS, has put an addition on his house. A 54-foot tower and beam which probably adds little to the esthetic beauty of the area, but sure is nice for ham radio. ....Jim Spencer, W3BBB, notes that as his age approaches 100 his golf score gets further from that number--fortunately on the lower side.....Al, W3GIF, was watching the hurricanes closely. He had to be sure that Barbados would still be there.....Bill, K3HIE, finally decided that a moped wasn't for him --so he bought a motorcycle!....Jim, W3AWG, still hasn't summoned up the courage to let W3BBB drill a hole in the new car.....We hear that Carl, W3SGR, has a new career. He is now washing houses (the outside, not the inside)

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Since this month we are slanting our BLURB in Ben Franklin's direction, and since Ben is really a Philadelphia symbol, we thought a few interesting items about The City of Brotherly Love might not be amiss. For example:

Did you know that Philadelphia has the longest straight street in the world? (Broad St)

The first sale of Girl Scout cookies was in Philadelphia in 1933.

The first zoo was built in Philadelphia.

The first electric searchlight ever seen was demonstrated here in 1884, at the International Electrical Exposition.

The first beauty shop in America was opened here in 1869.

Man's first ascent into the skies of North America took place just behind Independence Hall in 1793.

The first drive-in movie was built in Philadelphia/

On the national popularity chart this Philadelphia First is ranked about even with an enema, the inheritance tax. Undaunted, the city came up with another first - the Wage Tax.

The first canned soup prepared by taking the water out of the soup before canning, and have the consumer put the water back before heating, was prepared and sold in good ol' Philly.

There are doubtless many other "firsts" which can be claimed for the city, but we felt that we would let you research them for yourselves; after all we can't do all the work.

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Many months ago Bill Tegtmaier, WB3ALG, asked if we would publish a list of Murphy's Laws. Since at that time we couldn't find a copy, Bill did the work and sent them to us. While not by any means a complete list we will give you some of them.

Murphy's Law is simply: "If anything can go wrong, it will." The following corollaries to the Law may make you wince.

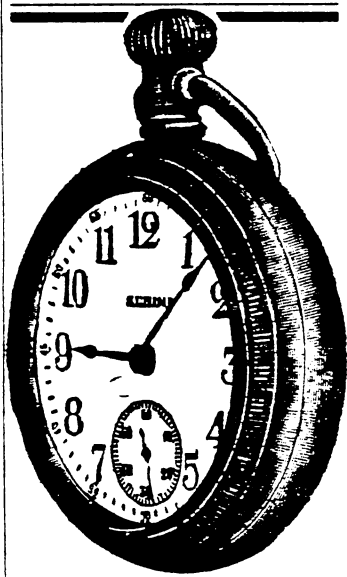
1. It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.
2. Interchangeable parts won't.
3. After any machine or instrument has been fully assembled, extra parts will be found on the bench.
4. A dropped tool will land where it can do the most damage (also known as the Law of Selective Gravitation.)
5. All constants are variable.
6. After the last 16 screws are removed from the access plate, it will be d'scovered that you have removed the wrong plate.

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# Did you Know...

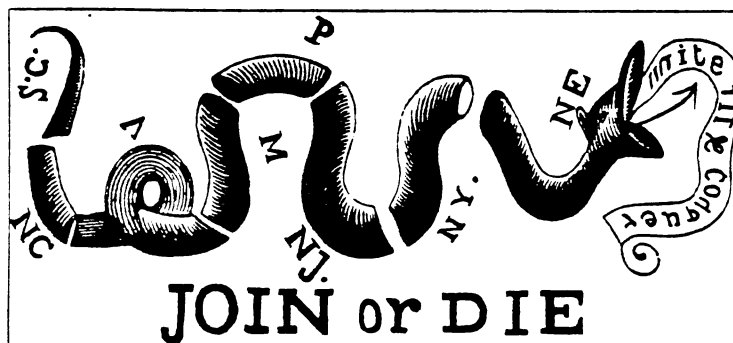
**Benjamin Franklin, the famous somniac, could turn off at the drop of a pin. He was known to fall asleep, at a moment's notice, whenever anybody was expressing views contrary to his own. (It is generally accepted that the term "take five" comes from Franklin's slumbering ability, one of his favorite accomplishments.)**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN  
CREATED DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME. (WHICH  
GAVE HIM AN HOUR  
MORE OF DAYTIME TO  
WORK AND AN HOUR  
LESS OF NIGHT TIME TO  
GET INTO TROUBLE.)**

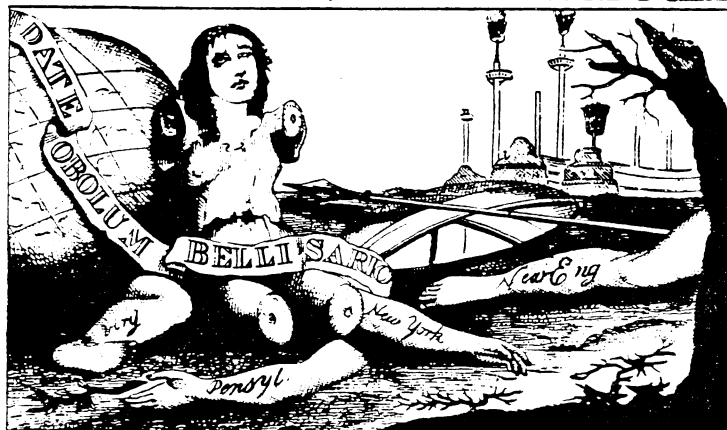


**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PHILANTHROPIST, CONTINUALLY GAVE OF HIMSELF TO THE POOR AND UNDERPRIVILEGED. (THIS ALTRUISTIC ACTIVITY STARTED AT THE AGE OF 8 WHEN RATHER THAN FEED A STALE LOAF OF BREAD TO THE FISHES, HE GAVE IT TO A NEEDY FAMILY.)**

**UNTIL 1796 TENNESSEE WAS  
CALLED FRANKLIN. (FRANKLIN  
WAS CHANGED TO TENNESSEE  
FOR BUSINESS REASONS.)**



**MAGNA Britannia: her Colonies REDUCED**



Benjamin Franklin was the first American political cartoonist. (Flushed with his success in cutting a snake into eight parts with his mighty quill pen, he evolved an art career by creating subsequent drawings in the same vein.) Explanation by Dr. Franklin: "The Colonies (that is, Britannia's limbs) being severed from her, Britannia is seen lifting her eyes and mangled stumps to heaven; her shield, which she is unable to wield, lies useless by her side; her lance has pierced New England; the laurel branch has fallen from the hand of Pennsylvania; the English oak has lost its head, and stands a bare trunk, with a few withered branches; briars and thorns are on the ground beneath it; the British ships have brooms at their topmost heads, denoting their being on sale; and Britannia herself is seen sliding off the world (no longer able to hold its balance), her fragments over-spread with the label *Date obolum Belisario*" (Give a farthing to Belisarius).

**Benjamin Franklin, fire chief, headed up the Union Fire Co. (As the old adage says: he lit more fires than he put out.)**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, PHILANTHROPIST, WAS CONSIDERED THE FIRST PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AS DEPICTED IN THIS PAINTING BY NORMAN ROCK. WELL (IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE HIS PLAYMATES AT THE COURTS OF GEORGE IN ENGLAND AND LOUIS IN FRANCE. FRANKLIN WAS FAR BETTER EQUIPPED TO CREATE PLAYBOY MAGAZINE THAN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.)**

**Benjamin Franklin invented the Franklin stove, a metal heating device resembling an open fireplace but designed to be set out in a room. (The inspiration for this invention came from the fact that, occasionally, he had no love to keep him warm.)**



PHILMONT SILENT KEY

GEORGE B. WEED, W3KN  
August 17, 1980

A long time Philmonter, George had served the club in many positions, including President. He was currently an active member of the Blurb staff, a Director, and Chairman of the Budget/Audit Committee. His frequent contributions to the Blurb were notable for their lucidity and humor.

To Myrna and their sons, we of Philmont express our deepest sympathy and those of us who were fortunate enough to have known George well share the grief of their loss.

# NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters***</u>
7	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
14	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
21	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
28	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP

## OCTOBER

5	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
12	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
19	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
26	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz, 10:20-10:35 AM Net control as shown  
 \*80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz, 10:30- AM NCS N3WW; Alternates W3RM; AK2I

\*\*10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz, 10:00-10:15 AM NCS K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE  
 10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz 10:15-10:30 AM Net control as shown

2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) 9:30-10:15 AM NCS as shown

\*\*\*2-meter Code Practice Net:  
 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 PM NCS AK2I; Alternate W3ETM

Club Calling Period: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) Every evening 7:00-7:05 PM

Club 2-meter Simplex Frequency: 147.51 MHz

Philmont Nets are open to all amateurs, members or non-members, for check-in, passing traffic, or making announcements of interest to the Club or Amateur Radio in general.

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